



**MARCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1964**



THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARCH

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARCH

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1964

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report for the year 1964 together with a report from the Public Health Inspector.

I wish to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health, Housing and Plans Committee for their interest and support and to my colleagues on the Council's staff for their assistance and co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. BURNS.

Medical Officer of Health.

General Statistics

Area in acres.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	19,786
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate for 1964)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	13,240
Number of inhabited houses	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4,535
Number of dwellings owned by the Council	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	916
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1965)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	£430,267
Amount represented by 1d. rate (1964/65)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	£1692.17.8d

The area of the Urban District remained unchanged at 19,786 acres and the estimated population remained the same at 13,240. The main employment is either industrial, the large railway marshalling yards being situated within the district boundary, or agricultural, the surrounding farm land being rich and fertile.

## Vital Statistics

### Live Births

Number	(Male 114)	Total.	219
	( )		
	(Female 105)		

Rate per 1,000 population	16.54
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Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	5.94
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### Stillbirths

Number	(Male 2)	Total.	3
	( )		
	(Female 1)		

Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	13.51
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Total Live and Stillbirths	(Male 116)	Total.	222
	( )		
	(Female 106)		

### Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)

(Male 3)	Total.	3
( )		
(Female -)		

### Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	13.69
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Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	14.56
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Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
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Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	13.69
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Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	13.69
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	27.03
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### Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
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Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	Nil
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Death rate per 1,000 population	10.42
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<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilitic Disease	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	2	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	7	14
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	15	26
Coronary disease, angina	19	7	26
Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
Other heart disease	5	9	14
Pneumonia	7	3	10
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	3	1	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	3	15
All other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	1	-	1
	81	57	138

The following table gives the percentage of deaths in the principal age group.

Under 1 year	2.2
1 - 4 years	Nil
5 - 14 years	1.5
15 - 64 years	27.5
65 and over	68.8
	100.0%

#### Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	302
Scarlatina	6
Whooping Cough	5
Encephalitis	1
	314

#### Food Hygiene

The Public Health Inspector's report contains the necessary comments on this subject.

#### Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were reported during 1964.

#### National Assistance Act

No action was taken under the above Act during 1964.

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COUNCIL OF MARCH IN THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF ELY

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	4			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	43	655 *		
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3			
Total	50	655		

\* Includes 649 visits made to the one slaughterhouse in factories register

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) .....	2	2			
Overcrowding (S.2) .....					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .....					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient .....					
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....					
(c) Not separate for sexes .....					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) .....					
Total	2	2			

## OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel		1					
) Making etc.,							
) Cleaning							
) and							
) Washing							
Household linen							
Lace, lace curtains and nets							
Curtains and furniture hangings							
Furniture and upholstery							
Electro-plate							
File making							
Brass and brass articles							
Fur pulling							
Iron and steel cables and chains							
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels							
Cart gear							
Locks, latches and keys							
Umbrellas, etc.							
Artificial flowers							
Nets, other than wire nets							
Tents							
Sacks							
Racquet and tennis balls							
	C/fd	1					

## PART VIII OF THE ACT (CONTD)

## OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Brt/fwd	1					
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	1					
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>					

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Public Health Inspector's Report for the year 1964

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are details of visits, interviews, inspections and re-inspections carried out in 1964.

## Public Health Act. Nuisances)

Public Health Act. (Nuisances, Disrepair)		234
Accumulations	•	66
Animals or birds	•	6
Bakehouses	•	14
Cesspools	•	2
Clean Air Act	•	4
Common Lodging House	•	11
Dairies.	•	11
Drainage	•	67
Food Hygiene.	•	7
Fried fish shops and stalls.	•	27
Factories	•	6
Food preparing premises	•	12
General food premises	•	113
Ice cream premises	•	33
Infectious diseases	•	5
Interviews	•	254
Knackers yard	•	10
Moveable dwellings	•	35
Meat shops	•	11
Miscellaneous	•	26
Overcrowding.	•	2
Pet Animals Act	•	2
Petroleum spirit	•	22
Rate and mice (including sewers).	•	235
Piggeries	•	8
Slaughterhouses	•	758
Sanitary accommodation.	•	22
Shops Act	•	78
Vermin.	•	24
Water supplies	•	4

The following tables show defects found and remedied during the year by action under the various Acts. The Offices and Shops Act is shown separately.

Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding at the end of 1964
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### Sanitary Accommodation and Drains

Defective sanitary accommodation	1	1	-
Blocked drains	5	5	-
Overflowing cesspool	1	1	-

### Verminous Infestation

Rats and mice	23	23	-
Ants	1	1	-
Clean Air Act	1	1	-

## Factories Act

Defective sanitary accommodation 1 1 -

	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding at the end of 1964
Brt/fwd	33	33	-
<u>Housing Defects</u>			
Defective door	1	1	-
" walls	2	2	-
" roof	1	1	-
" windows	2	1	1
" stove	1	1	-
Cleanliness	3	3	-
<u>Food Hygiene</u>			
Accumulation	1	1	-
Smoking in food premises	3	3	-
Cleanliness	4	3	1
Milk vending machine	1	1	-
Accumulations	6	5	1
	58	55	3

Tables of Notices served during 1964

	Served during 1964	Complied with by 31/12/64
Public Health and Housing Acts		
Verbal	18	16
Letter	3	3
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949		
Verbal	22	22
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960		
Verbal	6	6
Letter	3	2
Factories Act, 1961		
Verbal	1	1
Clean Air Act, 1956		
Verbal	1	1
	54	51

Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act, 1963

Under the above Act 222 premises were registered during the year and 78 inspections were made to 68 of these premises. The undermentioned contraventions were found:-

Lack of thermometer	13
No first aid box	10
Defective sanitary accommodation	15
Lack of washing facilities	17
Cleanliness	5
Defective floors	4
Defective handrail	1
Insufficient temperature	1

## HOUSING

It is interesting to note that during 1964 the Council made 5 Demolition Orders and 3 Closing Orders. Sixteen houses were actually demolished which included some Demolition Orders made during 1963. Six families were rehoused by the Council during the year.

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during 1964. A Certificate was issued and later cancelled, the work having been carried out.

## DRAINAGE

Since the completion of the subsidiary sewer scheme progress is still being maintained in the conversion of pails and vaults to water closets and each month sees a further increase in the number of water closets provided.

## WATER SUPPLIES

Extensions to the water mains were completed during 1959 and where mains have been laid many new connections have been made to properties.

The following is the information requested by the Ministry:

(a) whether the water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and in quantity;

Yes.

(b) where there is a piped supply, whether bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water and where treatment is installed, of the water going into supply; if so, how many and the results obtained; and the results of any chemical analyses; information on the fluoride content of the various supplies should be included wherever possible;

No samples were taken during the year, but the water is known to be examined at regular intervals by the Water Board.

(c) where the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action, the facts as to contamination by lead, including the precautions taken and the number and result of analyses;

The water is hard and has no plumbo-solvent action.

(d) the action taken in respect of any form of contamination;

There has been no evidence of contamination during the year.

(e) the number of dwelling houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (i) direct to the houses, and (ii) by means of stand-pipes.

(i) direct to houses - 88%

(ii) by means of stand-pipes - 10%.

## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There is one licensed site in the area for nine caravans and a further twelve licences are operative in respect of fifteen caravans.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

At present five premises are registered under the above Act and these are subject to inspection by the R.S.P.C.A. and myself.

## CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

During 1964 two installations were approved under the above Act.

## RATS AND MICE

The refuse dumps are treated regularly and the sewers have been dealt with in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry. Infestation in the sewers is almost negligible.

Following the retirement of the Council's Rodent Operator a private Contractor is now employed to deal with infestation generally. A free service is given when infestation occurs in private dwellings and shops.

## PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT, 1928 and 1936

Under the above Acts 56 licences were issued for the storage of Petroleum Spirit and 2 for the storage of Calcium Carbide.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSE

In circular 1/65 the Minister requests information regarding common lodging houses. There is one registered common lodging house in this district and during 1964 eleven inspections were made of the premises which are generally satisfactorily kept. Limewashing of the rooms is periodically carried out and the premises accommodate seventeen lodgers.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

### Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

Two slaughterhouses were licensed during 1964 and the number of animals killed during the year at the two slaughterhouses is as follows:- 7 cows, 5 calves, 579 other bovines, 899 sheep, 2982 pigs and 76 goats giving a total of 4548, which was slightly below the 1963 total of 4791. In order to inspect these animals a total of 758 visits was required to the two slaughterhouses and this figure includes 125 evening and Sunday visits.

Mention must be made here of the consideration received from the slaughtermen and butchers whose co-operation does facilitate the easier working of a system of meat inspection. Unfortunately one sheep's carcase was removed prior to inspection and in this instance a warning letter was sent.

Eighteen slaughtermen's licences were issued during 1964.

Condemnations include the following whole carcases:- 4 cows, 1 beast, 2 sheep and 75 pigs - total 82 which, together with a quantity of offal and parts of carcases brings the total weight of meat and offal condemned up to 6 tons 6 cwts. 1 st. 11 lbs. which is an increase on the 1963 figure when the total was 4 tons 17 cwts. 4 st. 9 lbs.

## Other Foods

Tinned and other foods surrendered during the year totalled 300 lbs. 2 ozs.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned  
from 1st January, 1964 to 31st December, 1964

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	579	7	5	899	2982	-
Number Inspected	579	7	5	898	2982	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	1	4	-	2	75	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	2	-	-	42	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	5.2	85.7	-	0.2	3.9	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	20	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.6	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Churn Rinses

During 1964, twelve samples of Churn Rinses were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Cambridge and all were reported satisfactory. The dairy in question has changed hands and there is now no pasteurisation of milk in this area.

## Food Hygiene

The Minister requests that reports of previous years should be amplified to include the following information:-

(1) the number, if available, of food premises in the area by type of business:

Green grocery	6
Grocery	27
Butchers	17
Fish shops	11
Bakehouses	3
Confectionery	14
Cafes and restaurants	6
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	84
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In addition there are some 46 licensed premises including clubs.

(2) the number of food premises by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts.

Premises registered for the sale of ice cream . . . . . 34  
Premises registered for the preparation of meat pies and sausages . . . 20  
Premises registered for the sale of fish and chips . . . . . 11

(3) the number of inspections of registered food premises with informative comment as necessary

Inspections of registered food premises and other food shops generally (including slaughterhouses) are shown on page 8.

(4) any new educational activity (e.g. inauguration of clean food guilds or lectures on food hygiene) and the progress of established educational activity.

New posters are regularly exhibited relating to food hygiene and other matters.

(5) the methods of disposal of condemned food

Where condemnation certificates are issued for tinned food etc. the food is collected and disposed of by the Council. Condemned meat at the slaughterhouses is collected by Contractors for processing.

(6) where special examination of a stock or of a consignment of food has been necessary, the total quantity as well as the quantity condemned.

Page 11 shows the weight of meat and other food condemned.

(7) reference to the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947 - 1952

Twenty-one samples of ice cream were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Cambridge. Eighteen were passed as Grade 1 and three Grade 2. Three samples of iced lollies were also submitted to the Laboratory and all were reported satisfactory.

At the end of the year 34 shops were registered for the sale of ice cream. There is one manufacturer in the area.

(8) reference to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

Two hundred and twenty-eight visits and revisits were made to food premises during 1964 for compliance with the above Regulations. In addition 758 visits were paid to the local slaughterhouses.

In conclusion, I should like to take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and my colleagues on the Staff for their helpful co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. BURTON.

Public Health Inspector.

6th September, 1965



